

Grandest Fourth of July Celebration in Raton

From the Raton Range.

The Glorious Fourth has come and gone, and one of the greatest Independence Day celebrations ever given in this city has passed into history.

The day was perfect, large crowds thronged the city from early morning until late at night. Several excursion trains brought carloads of visitors to the Gate City, while many more came in by carriages and vehicles of all descriptions. The streets, practically all the business houses and public buildings, were tastefully decorated, and many residences as well.

The various events passed off with the regularity of clockwork and hardly an incident happened to mar the pleasures of the day. It was a jolly, good-natured crowd, bent on spending plenty of money and having a good time, and well, they had it. No accidents of a serious nature were reported and but few, if any, arrests were made.

A large crowd listened to the speaking and musical program of the morning, heartily applauded the sporting events held later in the forenoon on Second street, while the attendance at the two ball games and horse racing events in the afternoon on the East Side grounds was simply enormous.

Another large crowd gathered near the fireworks stand in the evening and witnessed a magnificent pyrotechnic display, while scores of smaller displays were set off in other portions of the city.

It was evidently a crowd that was prosperous, had plenty of money to spend and spend it they did. Hardly a merchant or business man who kept his place of business open during the day, but what reported exceedingly large receipts. This may especially be said of those dealing in fireworks, soda, ice cream, confectionery, etc., while the saloon-keepers were expensive smiles all day.

A large amount of money changed hands over the various sporting events, especially the afternoon ball game, and the horse and foot races. In fact, the one disappointment of the day was the defeat of the Raton baseball team by Cimarron. The charge was frequently made that both teams had imported outside players, and—well—Cimarron had the most of them and that was perhaps why they won the game.

The program for the day began with music by the Raton band shortly after 9 a. m., which marched to the Rocky Mountain depot and met the excursion train from Cimarron and escorted the several hundred visitors to the speakers' stand. Shortly after 10 o'clock the special train from Las Vegas arrived, having on board the Las Vegas Military band and about fifty excursionists from that city.

The formal exercises began at the speakers' stand, a large crowd being in attendance, with music by the band, followed by introductory remarks by Hon. John Morrow, who spoke in his usual pleasing manner.

After a patriotic selection by the glee club, the Declaration of Independence was read by Miss Alaska Davis. After another selection by the glee club, the speaker of the day, Hon. George S. Klock, of Albuquerque, was introduced. Mr. Klock is a well known attorney of the Duke City and is a former prominent lawyer of Utica, N. Y. He is a person of commanding presence, has a deep, powerful voice and held the close attention of his hearers until the close. His eloquent periods were frequently interrupted by applause. His address will appear in full in the next issue of The Range.

The foot races and other sports of that nature were scheduled to take place at 11 a. m. on Second street and did so in the presence of a large and interested crowd. The course took up a block on Second street, from Park to Cook avenues. James Williamson acted as starter, and the events and winners were as follows:

100-yard race—Free for all; won by C. D. Hodson; second money to Tom Nelson.

100-yard three-legged race—Won by Messrs. Tom Nelson and J. H. Gilchrist.

50-yard fat men's race—Won by L. G. Maitland.

Race for boys under 15, 50 yards—Won by William Streicher.

Race for girls under 15, 50 yards—Won by Elsie Downing.

The burro race, which proved quite

an exciting affair, was won by Earl Schwender.

Owing to the fact that the Elfield baseball team of Las Vegas decided to come at the last moment, Raton played them on the East Side grounds at 12:30. The game was a one-sided affair and Raton won by a score of 10 to 0. (A full account of both ball games will be found in another column.)

The horse races were scheduled to start promptly at 1:30, but owing to the ball game with Vegas not finishing in time, it was 2:30 before Judge Bayne, who acted as starter, was able to bring the racers to the starting point. The races occasioned much excitement, arousing the large crowd present to a high pitch of enthusiasm and considerable money was wagered on the favorites.

The first event was a quarter mile dash, free for all, Colfax county horses. There were four entries. Music, the handsome mare owned by Leandro Martinez, won first money and Winter's horse Muggins, second money. Music is a new name for this mare, who before being brought to the territory two years ago, was known as "Catch Me." The jockey was Luis Trujillo of Wagon Mound.

There was some dispute as to who was entitled to first money in this race, but it was finally decided in favor of the Martinez horse, who certainly made a good showing and appeared to be a favorite.

The second event was a 300-yard pony race. The Floyd horse "T. O." came in first and Black Belle, owned by G. T. George, second.

Owing to the lateness of the hour the relay race and a half-mile flat race were not run until after the ball game between Raton and Cimarron. The half-mile was substituted for the ring tournament.

The relay was a three-mile and G. T. George came in first.

The half-mile race was won by the Martinez horse "Music."

The races were all intensely interesting, especially the 300-yard pony race. Judge Bayne acted as starter in a very satisfactory manner. The judges were O. H. B. Turner, Richard Oldham and Carter Gillespie.

Following the second ball game, the crowd took a rest, wandered about town taking in the sights and listened to the excellent music by the Raton and Vegas bands.

During the evening the Raton band held forth at the stand at First street and Cook avenue and the Vegas band at Park avenue and Second street. Both concerts were listened to by hundreds of people and greatly enjoyed.

The display of fireworks at the foot of Park avenue wound up the festivities of the day and were witnessed by an admiring throng. The display lasted for about an hour and a half and was one of the best ever given in this vicinity. There were many private displays around town and illuminations were quite general.

The Japanese daylight fireworks were also worthy of mention and a feature of the evening were the numerous fire balloons sent up.

The decorations throughout the city, especially in the business section, were of an elaborate nature. Large flags were suspended from prominent street corners, while bunting was conspicuously displayed. The band and speakers' stand were also neatly decorated. One window display was especially neat, that of the W. L. Johnson Furniture company on South Second street. The scene showed a camp in the woods with all the accessories and was greatly admired. The business houses on First street and Park and Cook avenues were elaborately arranged with bunting and flags and all attracted much attention.

Automobiles were out in force. The car of James R. Smith, superintendent of the Raton Electric Light & Power company, was completely covered with bunting and attracted much attention.

No serious accidents were reported, a fact considered remarkable with such a large number of people on the streets, and with firecrackers and every conceivable form of noise producing explosive constantly being set off all over the city at once, it seemed.

Dr. A. R. Streicher, Ernst Ruth and Dr. J. Farley, mounted, acted as marshals during the day, and were zealous in their efforts to keep the crowds within bounds. The city police under

Marshal Howe were alert and attended to their duty well. Seven special officers were sworn in for the day but they found little to do, so quiet and orderly was the crowd. In fact, comparatively little drunkenness was noticed on the streets.

The members of the executive committee and the various sub-committees worked hard to make the celebration the success it was and deserve credit from all for their efforts. Every little detail was looked after thoroughly and everything passed off without a hitch of any kind.

The railroads did their share toward

bringing a crowd to the city. In addition to the special train from Las Vegas, three coaches from Trinidad were attached to the second section of No. 1 on the Santa Fe and were filled. Several hundred excursionists came in over the Rocky Mountain from Cimarron and the various mining camps. The excursion train from Cimarron arrived promptly on time with gaily decorated coaches. The train was in charge of Conductor Thompson and Engineer Kiehl. The Santa Fe, Raton & Eastern railway also ran an excursion from Yankee and a large number of the residents of that camp took advantage of the same.

BOLD ATTEMPT MADE AT JAIL BREAKING

Bailey Brown and Napoleon Cantou Attempt to Escape from County Jail—Brown Killed in Struggle With Deputy Sheriff Gale.

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A sensational attempt at jail breaking occurred at the county jail between 7 and 8 o'clock Thursday morning and was only frustrated by the coolness and quick action of Acting Sheriff Jay Gale, and as it was, resulted in the killing of a prisoner, Bailey Brown, who had been confined in the county jail since April last, and the attempted escape of Napoleon Cantou, another prisoner.

Mr. Gale had just opened the door leading into the jail and was in the act of giving the prisoners their breakfast, when Brown and Cantou rushed past him. Cantou fled to the upper apartments of the jailers residence, but a shot quickly brought him to submission. Meanwhile Mr. Gale grappled with Brown and the two men were quickly on the floor, engaged in a desperate fight.

The acting sheriff quickly saw that he would have to use force on his man, who has a penitentiary record, and drawing his gun, fired two shots, one taking effect in Brown's abdomen and the other in his head. Death was instantaneous.

City Physician Hart, Justice of the Peace Bayne and Dr. Fleming were quickly notified and were soon on the scene, as well as many neighbors who had heard the commotion and the cries of alarm, but their services were not required. The bravery and quickness of Mr. Gale, who saw at once that it was a matter for instant action and that a general jail break was imminent, caused him to act as any man should have done and rid the territory of a desperate character, a former convict, and it is stated, a confirmed dope fiend. The man was well known to the local authorities and was serving time for the theft of gold leaf from the office of Dr. J. R. Gaines, a well known dentist, committed several months since. He has generally been regarded as a bad man.

As soon as the body had been viewed by the proper officials, it was ordered removed by the city physician to the undertaking rooms of Fugate & Fry.

It was learned shortly afterward that a general jail break had been planned, if the efforts of Brown and Cantou had succeeded, as it was discovered that the two men had carefully planned to gain their liberty and were prepared to make a desperate dash for freedom.

The acting sheriff acted as only a man could in self defense and in order to protect the lives of those around him and the security of the other prisoners in the jail. He deserves credit for the coolness shown by him in such a trying moment and certainly has made a good record for himself as acting sheriff.

The inquest was held in the sheriff's office in the court house yesterday forenoon and was presided over by Justice of the Peace Bayne. The jury found that "The deceased came to his death by reason of gunshot wounds inflicted upon his body by Jay Gale, a duly authorized jailor and Deputy Sheriff of Colfax county in the defense of himself and jail in the legal discharge of his duties."

Mr. Gale was the first witness and he related the story of the shooting and the causes leading up to it in a plain, straightforward manner. He described how he fired at Cantou as he rushed out of the jail and fired twice at Brown before the latter would release his grip on him. The revolver used by Mr. Gale and a home-made slingshot found in Cantou's pocket after he surrendered himself were placed in evidence. His testimony evolved the fact that there were eight other prisoners in the jail who could have obtained their liberty in case the attempted jail break had been a success.

Mr. Gale was next sworn and her

testimony practically corroborated that of her husband, as she had been a witness to a portion of the affair.

Fred Carter, one of the prisoners in the jail at the time of the shooting, was then sworn and stated in response to questions, that he had heard shots and had also heard Brown tell some of the prisoners that he (Brown) had made some keys to fit the jail lock so as to enable him to escape. He was further questioned concerning the movements of the prisoners, etc. It was shown by his evidence that Brown and Cantou had talked several times about the making of a key to fit the jail door.

The jury after consulting among themselves, rendered the verdict as above given, completely exonerating Mr. Gale.

The jury was composed of Messrs. R. J. Snowden, A. F. Nail, J. P. Downer, Abe Hixenbaugh, Jesse Pate and Dan Sandoval.

Santa Fe Fiscal Year

Shows Great Growth

Chicago, July 3.—Sunday next the Santa Fe road, according to advance figures, will close the greatest year in its history. Its gross earnings will be considerably in advance of those of any other twelve months, having grown at the rate of more than \$1,000,000 a month, as compared with the previous year, which also was a record breaker. Net earnings have increased at the rate of about \$250,000.

The Santa Fe now has under operation 9,259 miles of road. The most important work before it is the linking of its Pacific coast and gulf lines, giving a direct line from Chicago to Los Angeles and San Francisco and from Galveston to both those California points.

During the last year nearly one-third of the gross earnings have been spent on the maintenance of way and equipment, an unusually high proportion, resulting in increased earning power and more economical operation. The greater portion of the system now is laid with heavy steel rails.

Penitentiary Affairs

Are Running Smoothly

Things have been running smoothly at the Territorial Penitentiary since Marion Littrell assumed charge as superintendent last Monday afternoon. At 5 o'clock that afternoon 268 convicts were turned over to the new official and twenty-four convicts accounted for in the convicts' camp in the Gallinas canon and the men reported as at work constructing a scenic highway.

Several changes have been made in minor officials and others may take place as the good of the service may demand.

Considerable interest has been manifested by the convicts over the change, although they were not fully informed as regards the events that have taken place. They gradually got word of the change, however, and secretly, the convicts are said to rejoice over the removal of Trelford. In fact, the truth spread rapidly enough when they were given plenty to eat last Tuesday.

Articles of Incorporation Filed.

Articles of incorporation have been filed in the office of the territorial secretary for the Red River Water and Power company, with principal place of business at Cimarron. The capital stock is named as \$400,000, divided into one thousand shares of the par value of \$100 each, and commencing business with \$2,000. The object is to operate a water system for domestic and manufacturing purposes and the incorporators are H. M. Letts, Charles Springer, Frederic Whitney and G. E. Remley, of Cimarron, and A. H. Officer, of Raton.

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